

REMARKS

Any disclaimer that may have occurred during the prosecution of any application related hereto, particularly those applications listed in the Cross-Reference to Related Applications section, is hereby expressly rescinded.

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-12 are pending and under active consideration. Claims 13-24 are canceled. The amendments do not narrow the scope of the previously presented claims, but merely involve formalities, grammatical oversights/preferences, typological errors, and the like. These amendments to the claims are made solely to obtain expeditious allowance of the instant application and not for reasons related to patentability.

Amendment of the claims is made without prejudice, without intent to abandon any originally claimed subject matter, and without intent to acquiesce in any rejection of record. Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more continuing applications hereof containing the canceled or unamended claims. Entry of the claim amendments is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Although Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection, the current amendment has rendered the rejection moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Claims

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-6 and 8-12.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and a notice thereof is respectfully solicited. If any issues remain in connection herewith, or a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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